



California Fair Political Practices Commission

February 3, 1989

The Honorable Paul Carpenter
Fourth District Member
State Board of Equalization
4040 Paramount Blvd., Suite 103
Lakewood, CA 90712

RE: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. I-88-372

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

You have requested advice regarding the campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act of the 1974.1/

QUESTIONS

1. How long must campaign committee records be retained for an active committee?
2. How long must campaign committee records be retained for a terminated committee?

CONCLUSION

Committee campaign records must be retained for four years following the date that the campaign statement to which they relate is filed.

As an example, if a state senator was elected or re-elected in November of 1984, all campaign records relating to the post election statement filed January 31, 1985, may be discarded February 1, 1989.

Whether a candidate's committee is active or terminated is not relevant.

1/ Government Code Sections 81000-91015. All statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise indicated. Commission regulations appear at 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18000, et al.

ANALYSIS

Each candidate, treasurer and elected officer is required to maintain detailed accounts, records, bills and receipts necessary to prepare campaign statements, and to retain these accounts, records, bills and receipts for a period of time specified by the Commission. (Section 84104.)

Regulation 18401(b) specifies the length of time campaign records shall be retained:

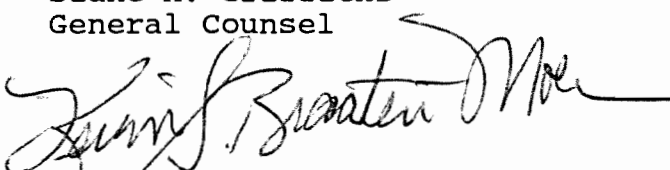
The documents required by subsection (a) shall be retained by the filer for a period of four years following the date that the campaign statement to which they relate is filed. However, in the case of an elected state officer serving a four year term, the records for campaign statements filed during the first year following their election must be kept for five years following the date such statements are filed.

The Act does not differentiate between an active committee and a terminated committee concerning retention of records.

Enclosed for your information is Regulation 18401. If you have additional questions, please call me at (916) 322-5662.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths
General Counsel


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Enclosure

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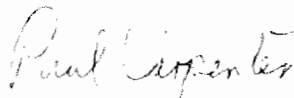
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Mr. Gregory Baugher
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Fair Political Practices Commission
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Dear Mr. Baugher:

Several months ago, I wrote the enclosed letter regarding the storage of campaign committee records.

Despite Ms. Pritchard's letter of September 29, 1988, and follow-up telephone calls, I have yet to receive an answer to my question.

Therefore, I would very much appreciate your attention to this matter to insure that I am provided with a reply in the near future.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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